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"A CIGAR TOBACCO PAPER AND A METHOD FOR PACKAGING THE SAME"

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TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

10 The present invention generally relates to a system and a
method for wrapping and packaging a cigar tobacco paper. More
specifically, the present invention relates to a system and a
method for wrapping and packaging a cigar tobacco paper that may
be opened by a user and filled with the tobacco of choice by the
user. Further, the present invention relates to a system and a
15 method for wrapping and packaging a cigar tobacco paper wherein
the cigar tobacco paper stays moist during transport of the cigar
tobacco paper to the user.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Throughout history, people have smoked and continue to smoke

tobacco products. In recent history, the popularity of cigars has dramatically risen and therefore the public desire for specific aromas, scents and tastes of a cigar have changed along with the popularity. Many consumers of cigars have developed their own
5 fancies to specific brands of cigars. Moreover, many consumers of cigars have developed their own fancies to specific tastes, smells and aroma of tobacco, yet still desire a quality cigar leaf or wrapper to use for the tobacco they wish to use. It is, of course, generally known for a consumer to wrap their own
10 cigarettes. This method and system of developing and creating a particular cigarette is prior art. However, just recently has the market changed such that the creation of a cigar has become popular.

Typically, in the case of a consumer producing their own
15 cigarettes, the consumer buys pre-made cigarette wrappers from a store, and also may buy pre-made filler tobacco of their choice, and would proceed to roll the cigarette wrappers around the tobacco filler of their choice. Further, the consumer may opt to insert a filter at one end of the cigarette, or in the
20 alternative, the consumer may opt to delete the filter from the cigarette altogether. However, wrapping and/or creating a cigarette becomes laborious and time consuming. One of the

biggest problems for a consumer that wrappers his/her own cigarettes occurs because the cigarette wrapper is sold in packages wherein the wrapper is flat, and therefore difficult to roll over the tobacco filler.

5 Similarly, the art of making a cigar is similar in nature. A consumer may purchase a cigar tobacco paper and the tobacco filler of their own choice. The consumer will then take the tobacco filler and place the filler inside the tobacco wrapper and roll the wrapper over the filler to create their own cigar
10 having a distinct flavor, aroma and/or taste.

 However, limitations exist regarding the types of cigar wrapper that may be used and the time and effort that a user may have to exert in order to create a cigar having the aroma, taste and flavor that the user might desire. The present prior art
15 illustrates a cigar wrapper that may be used by an end consumer that has a wrapper that is pre-wrapped and may be more easily filled with tobacco by the end user. The prior art cigar wrapper contains an element inside the cigar wrapper to keep the wrapper in a rolled state. However, the end user must remove the element
20 from inside the cigar wrapper before use. Moreover, prior art references refer to drying the wrapper before the wrapper is packaged and shipped to an end user. The disadvantage to this

drying process is that in order for the end user to create his/her own cigar, the wrapper must be moistened by the user to secure the wrapper about the tobacco filler.

Moreover, the problem exists wherein the cigar wrapper may not fully contain the flavor and aroma desired by the consumer if the wrapper is dried before packaging.

A need, therefore, exists for an improved system and method of packaging a cigar wrapper and/or cigar tobacco paper for shipment to an end user. More specifically, a need exists for a system and a method for transporting a flavored/unflavored cigar wrapper that may be kept moist until utilized by the end user.

Further, a need therefore exists for an improved system and method of packaging a cigar wrapper for shipment to and end user wherein the cigar wrapper is kept moist, and kept in a pre-rolled state during shipment, for easy use and creation of a finished cigar by a consumer.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a system and a method for producing and packaging a cigar tobacco paper for use by a consumer to produce their own cigar. More specifically, the present invention relates to a system and a method for packaging

a cigar tobacco paper for an end user wherein the cigar tobacco paper is pre-rolled for easy use by the consumer and further wherein the tobacco paper is kept in a moistened state for easy securing of the tobacco filler inside the cigar tobacco paper.

5 To this end, in an embodiment of the present invention, a product for wrapping and packaging a cigar tobacco paper is provided. The product includes a cigar tobacco paper. The product for wrapping and packaging a cigar also a cylindrical object used to keep the tobacco paper in a cylindrical shape. The
10 product may also have an enveloping means wherein the enveloping means wraps the tobacco paper.

 In an embodiment, the product for wrapping and packaging a cigar tobacco paper has a container means for shipping the cigar tobacco paper wherein the container means may retain a plurality
15 of cigar tobacco paper.

 In an embodiment, the product for wrapping and packaging a cigar tobacco paper has a cigar tobacco paper wherein the tobacco paper is a tobacco leaf.

 In an embodiment, the product for wrapping and packaging a
20 cigar tobacco paper has a cigar tobacco paper wherein the tobacco paper is a homogenized tobacco paper.

 In an embodiment, the product for wrapping and packaging a

cigar tobacco paper has an enveloping means wherein the enveloping means is aluminum foil.

In an embodiment, the product for wrapping and packaging a cigar tobacco paper has an enveloping means wherein the enveloping means is plastic.

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In an embodiment, the product for wrapping and packaging a cigar tobacco paper has an enveloping means wherein the enveloping means is any product that may keep the tobacco paper moist.

In an embodiment, the product for wrapping and packaging a cigar tobacco paper has a cylindrical object is removed from a combination of the tobacco paper and the enveloping means before placing the wrapper in the packaging to ship to a consumer.

In an embodiment, the product for wrapping and packaging a cigar tobacco paper has a container for shipping the cigar tobacco paper to a consumer wherein the container means is made

of plastic.

In an embodiment of the present invention, a method for producing and packaging a cigar tobacco paper to be used by a consumer is provided, the method comprising the steps of:

5 providing a cigar tobacco paper to be used by the consumer to fill with tobacco filler; inserting a cylindrical object on top of the cigar paper to hold the shape of the tobacco paper; and providing an enveloping means to enclose the cigar tobacco paper.

10 In an embodiment, the method comprises the step of placing the cylindrical object on top of the tobacco paper for wrapping.

In an embodiment, the method comprises the step of rolling the tobacco paper about the cylindrical object to hold a cylindrical shape.

15 In an embodiment, the method comprises the step of inserting the rolled cigar tobacco paper into the enveloping means.

In an embodiment, the method wherein the enveloping means contains the tobacco paper and the cylindrical object and further wherein the cigar tobacco paper forms a plurality of layers with the enveloping means.

20 In an embodiment, the method comprises the step of removing the cylindrical object from the enveloping means and the cigar tobacco paper.

In an embodiment, the method comprises the step of placing the rolled tobacco paper and enveloping means in a container means wherein said container means is plastic.

5 In an embodiment, the method comprises the step of placing the rolled tobacco paper and enveloping means in a container means wherein said container means is a watertight and airtight material.

10 In an embodiment, the method comprises the step of providing an access to unwrap the tobacco paper and enveloping means upon delivery to a consumer.

In an embodiment, the method comprises the step of shipping the tobacco paper and enveloping means to a consumer to be filled with tobacco filler.

15 It is, therefore, an advantage of the present invention to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same.

Another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the cigar tobacco paper is tobacco leaf.

20 Still another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the cigar tobacco paper is homogenized tobacco paper.

Yet another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the tobacco paper may be any size.

Still another advantage of the present invention is to
5 provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the cigar tobacco paper may be filled by a consumer with the tobacco filler of his/her choice.

Another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein
10 the cigar tobacco paper may be flavored. Yet another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the cigar tobacco paper may be unflavored.

Still another advantage of the present invention is to
15 provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the cigar tobacco paper may be packaged for easy use by the consumer.

An advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein a
20 plurality of cigar tobacco paper may be packaged together for a consumer.

Yet another advantage of the present invention is to provide

a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the cigar tobacco paper is enclosed within an enveloping means.

Another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein
5 the cigar tobacco paper is enclosed within an enveloping means and the enveloping means is aluminum.

Yet another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the cigar tobacco paper is enclosed within an enveloping means
10 and the enveloping means is plastic.

Still another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the cigar tobacco paper is enclosed within an enveloping means and the enveloping means is any material that is
15 watertight.

Another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the enveloping means envelopes the tobacco paper to hold in the moisture of the tobacco paper.

20 Still another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the enveloping means envelops the tobacco paper to hold

in the flavor of the tobacco paper.

Yet another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the enveloping means allows the cigar tobacco paper to hold a
5 cylindrical shape during packaging.

Another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the cigar tobacco paper is rolled into a cylindrical shape using a cylindrical object to hold the shape.

10 Yet another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the cylindrical object used to define the rolled shape is removed after the cigar tobacco paper is rolled into a cylindrical shape and wherein an enveloping means is used to hold the shape of the
15 cigar tobacco paper.

Still another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the enveloping means may hold the cigar tobacco paper in a cylindrical shape during shipping to a consumer.

20 An advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the enveloping means and the cigar tobacco paper are packaged in a

container means.

Another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the container means may be plastic.

5 Yet another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the container means may be wood.

An advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the
10 container means may be any polyurethane container.

Still another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the container means may be any material that is watertight and/or airtight.

15 Still another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the container means may hold a plurality of enwrapped cigar tobacco paper.

Yet another advantage of the present invention is to provide
20 a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the cigar tobacco paper may be easily unrolled by a consumer upon delivery of the product.

An advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the cigar tobacco paper may be easily unrolled by the consumer and may be filled with the tobacco filler.

5 Yet another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein a consumer may fill the cigar tobacco paper with any filler of his/her choice.

10 Still another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the enveloping means may be larger than the cigar tobacco paper.

15 Another advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the enveloping means may wrap only a small portion of the cigar tobacco paper.

20 An advantage of the present invention is to provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the cigar tobacco paper form a plurality of layers when rolled and further wherein the enwrapping means encloses the plurality of layers when rolled.

 Still another advantage of the present invention is to

provide a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the enveloping means holds in the moisture of the cigar tobacco paper when wrapped.

Yet another advantage of the present invention is to provide
5 a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same wherein the enveloping means holds in the flavor of the cigar tobacco paper when wrapped.

These and other objects of the invention will become more clear when one reads the following specification, taken together
10 with the drawings that are attached hereto. The scope of protection sought by the inventors may be gleaned from a fair reading of the Claims that conclude this specification.

Additional features and advantages of the present invention are described in, and will be apparent from, the detailed
15 description of the presently preferred embodiments and from the drawings.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a cross sectional perspective view of the cigar tobacco paper and enveloping means in an embodiment of the
20 present invention;

Figure 2 is a top view of the cigar tobacco paper prior to rolling in an embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the cigar tobacco paper in a stage of rolling in an embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 4 is another perspective view of the cigar tobacco paper in another stage of rolling in an embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 5 is cross sectional perspective view of the cigar tobacco paper and enveloping means after rolling is complete in an embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 6 is a perspective view of the cigar tobacco paper completely enclosed within the enveloping means after completion of the rolling of the cigar tobacco paper in an embodiment of the present invention;

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Turning now to the drawings wherein elements are identified by numbers and like elements are identified by like numbers throughout the 6 figures, the invention is depicted in Figure 1 that shows a cigar tobacco paper and a method for packaging the same. As shown in Figure 1, the cigar tobacco paper 1 is wrapped into a plurality of layers 3 to be formed into a cylindrical shape. As illustrated in the cross sectional perspective view of Figure 1, a plurality of layers may be formed when the cigar

tobacco paper 1 is encased about the enveloping means 7.

Figure 2 illustrates a top view of the cigar tobacco paper 1 and cylindrical object 11 before the cigar tobacco paper 1 rolled into a cylindrical shape. To enable the rolling of the cigar tobacco paper 1 into a cylindrical shape for easy use by a user (not shown), an enveloping means 7 and a cylindrical object 11 may be used. The cylindrical object 11 may be any object holding a cylindrical shape. However, the cylindrical object 11 should be a size that may allow the cigar tobacco paper 1 to form a plurality of layers about the cylindrical object 11. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the cylindrical object 11 may have a smaller dimension than the enveloping means 7, such that, when wrapped, the cigar tobacco paper 1 may easily fit into the enveloping means 7.

The cigar tobacco paper 11 may be a tobacco leaf (not shown) or in the alternative, may be a homogenized tobacco paper 13. The homogenized tobacco paper 13 may have a pasted strip 15 at one end of the tobacco paper.

Figure 2 also illustrates a cylindrical object 11 that may be used to form the cylindrical shape of the cigar tobacco paper 1. The cylindrical object 11 may be placed onto the cigar tobacco paper 1 prior to rolling the cigar tobacco paper 1. The

enveloping means 7 may be any material that may hold the cigar tobacco paper 1 in a cylindrical shape after rolling. Moreover, the enveloping means 7 may be any material that may hold in the moisture and/or the flavor of the cigar tobacco paper 1 after rolling is completed. Figures 3 and 4 illustrate the cigar tobacco paper 1 being wrapped about a cylindrical object 11 wherein the enveloping means 7 is placed over the cigar tobacco paper 1 after rolling. The enveloping means 7 may keep the cigar tobacco paper 1 in a cylindrical form, maintaining in the moisture of the cigar tobacco paper 1 and maintaining the flavor of the cigar tobacco paper 1 for use by a consumer.

Figure 3 further illustrates a perspective view of the cigar tobacco paper 1 during the initial rolling of the paper 1. The cylindrical object 11 is placed on top of the cigar tobacco paper 1. The cylindrical object 11 may be used to keep the form of the cigar tobacco paper 1 in a cylindrical form. Alternatively, the cylindrical object may be omitted and the cigar tobacco paper 1 may be rolled without the cylindrical object.

Figure 4 illustrates another perspective view of the cigar tobacco paper 1 in a further stage of rolling. The cylindrical object 11 may be used to keep the cigar tobacco paper 1 in cylindrical form. As shown in Figure 4, a plurality of layers of

cigar tobacco paper 1 may be formed by rolling them over the cylindrical object 11.

Figure 5 further illustrates the completed rolling of the cigar tobacco paper 1 in combination with an enveloping means 7.

5 After the cigar tobacco paper 1 has been completely rolled into a cylindrical form, the enveloping means 7 may be used to keep the cigar tobacco paper 1 in cylindrical form. Further, the enveloping means may protect the cigar tobacco paper 1 during shipping to a customer and may help maintain the flavor and
10 moisture of the cigar tobacco paper 1. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the enveloping means 7 has a diameter larger than the diameter of the rolled cigar tobacco paper 1 and/or the cylindrical object 11 used to hold the cigar tobacco paper 1 in cylindrical form. The cylindrical object 11 may be
15 removed and the product in its wrapped form may be packaged in a container means (not shown) for delivery to a consumer. The container means may contain a plurality of cigar tobacco paper 1 for use by a consumer in creating and producing their own cigar with a cigar filler tobacco. The container means(not shown) may
20 be comprised of any material that is waterproof and/or airtight.

Figure 6 illustrates the final product before the tobacco paper 1 is packaged inside a container means to be transported to

an end user. The enveloping means 7 keeps the tobacco paper 1 from unfolding and or unwrapping. Moreover, the enveloping means 7 may keep the tobacco paper 1 in a moistened state, such that, when utilized by a user, the paper will contain moisture.

5 Moreover, the enveloping means 7 may help retain the flavor of the cigar tobacco paper 1 before the cigar tobacco paper 1 is utilized by a consumer.

It should be understood that various changes and modifications to the presently preferred embodiments described
10 herein will be apparent to those skilled in the art. Such changes and modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention and without diminishing its attendant advantages.